

HOUSE RESOLUTION 40

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Elvin and Etha Atkins on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1951, Elvin Atkins and Etha Burkhart were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins have been highly respected citizens of the Clarksville community for several years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Atkins, who retired from Fort Campbell Civil Engineers and the City of Clarksville, and Mrs. Atkins, who retired from childcare services, are deeply involved in serving their church community. They volunteer their time with Clarksville Urban Ministries and are active members of Wilee's Chapel United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple are the proud parents of Patsy Atkins, Roger Atkins, Beverly Dycus, Susan Hambley, the late Nancy Atkins, and the late Elvin Atkins; the loving grandparents of Jeffrey Atkins, Sherri Lamczyk, Tara Jacques, Amy Atkins, Angela Hensley, and Joshua Hambley; and the doting great-grandparents of Jeremy Clark, Caitlin Clark, Abbey Hensley, Wesley Hensley, Jordan Atkins, Cortland Atkins, and Brayden Hambley; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Atkinses' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elvin and Etha Atkins on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.